

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank Examiner Morrison for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives with respect to the telephone conversations and suggested amendment for the claims.

**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1, 4-14, 19 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1, 4-14, 19 and 21-22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Applicants amended claims 1, 8, 10, 13-14, 19 and 21 and 22 and canceled claims 3, 15-18, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 8, 10, 13-14, 19 and 21 and 22 are pending for further consideration.

**The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

Claims 1, 4-14, 19 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants amended claims 1, 8, 10, 13-14, 19 and 21 and 22 and canceled claims 3, 15-18, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

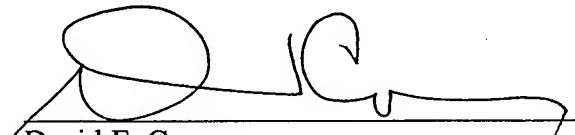
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.R.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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